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TITLE: SIPHON FOR SINK OR SIMILAR ELEMENT

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 8 (cancel). Please cancel Claims 1 - 8 and substitute Claims 9 - 13 therefor as follows:

9. (new) A water tarp for a sink comprising:

an upper portion;

a lower portion pivotally connected to said upper portion;

a linking means positioned between said upper portion and said lower portion, said linking means for centering said upper portion with respect to said lower portion;

a sealing joint in sealing relation to said upper and lower portion, said linking means comprising:

at least one hinge connected to said lower portion so as to allow said lower portion to pivot around an axis of the hinge, the hinge being dismantleable so as to separate said lower portion from said upper portion;

a locking means mounted to one of said upper portion and said lower portion for locking said upper portion to said lower clip, said locking means formed of at least one clip, said linking means for compressing said sealing joint when said upper portion is engaged with said lower portion, said upper portion and said lower portion being snapped together forcibly by said

locking means.

10. (new) The water trap of Claim 9, said locking means comprising:

a base connected to one of said upper and lower portions; and

a stud extending outwardly of the other of said upper and lower portion, said clip having a locking element, said clip being pivotally mounted to said base such that said locking element is cooperative with said stud.

11. (new) The water trap of Claim 9, said at least one clip comprising a single clip.

12. (new) the water trap of Claim 9, the clip and said hinge being formed of a polymeric material.

13. (new) The water trap of Claim 9, said upper portion having a rim at a bottom thereof, said lower portion having a rim at a top thereof, one of the rims being embedded within the other of the rims so as to center said upper portion with respect to said lower portion.